



Lake Park Villager

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Town Hall Community Center and are open to the public.

- Aug 9** 7:00p Village Council Meeting
Aug 11 7:00p 5-Year Plan Committee Meeting
Aug 16 7:00p Planning Board Meeting
Aug 18 6:30p Economic Develop. Commission Meeting
Aug 22 6:30p Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS

LAKE PARK POOLS POOL ADMISSION FEES OR PASSES REQUIRED
MON-SAT, 10-8, NOON-8 SUN WWW.LAKEPARKNC.GOV

CHILDREN OF FAITH PRESCHOOL 9AM-1PM 1 – 5 YRS
NOW REGISTERING FOR FALL 2016 704-882-5583

CHILDRENS LIGHTHOUSE LEARNING CENTER 6 WKS – 12 YRS
NOW REGISTERING FOR FALL 2016 6:30AM-6:30PM 704-882-1100

MY FIRST SCHOOL & DAYCARE 9AM-1PM 704-882-9386
NOW REGISTERING FOR FALL 2016 2 TO 4 YRS

MISS DEE DEE'S AFTER SCHOOL 2-6PM 704-882-9386
NOW REGISTERING FOR FALL 2016 MIDDLE SCHOOL TO 14 YRS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AUG 2 6:30 – 9 PM TOWN CENTER GAZEBO PARK

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION
AUG 4 7 PM HOA BOARD MEETING COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+ WELCOME
AUG 4 7 PM COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL

SAGES EVENTS COMMUNITY CENTER/TOWN HALL
AUG 1 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 704-882-6906
AUG 12 9:00 AM BREAKFAST AT SUN VALLEY CAFÉ 704-882-2005
AUG 15 11:15 PM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 704-882-6906

MUSIC IN THE PARK: JOSEY WAILS BAND SPONSORED BY HOA
AUG 13 7-9 PM BRING BLANKET/CHAIR TOWN CENTER PARK

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY AUG 23
AUG 12 NEWS DEADLINE: E-MAIL SANDY.COUGHLIN@LAKEPARKNC.GOV



Beware: False Alarms on the Rise

Most alarms are triggered in error, not by intruders. Errors take first responders away from real calls. Authorized users know your code. Don't guess!

Aug 2: National Night Out

This summer evening event is presented by the Village Parks & Recreation Commission and our Union County public service agencies. The annual event recognizes our first responders, gives residents of all ages one-on-one opportunities to meet the skilled men and women who protect us, and to pick up new ideas on prevention and safety. DJ Dizzle is booked to entertain for the event, and a driving simulator will be available. Meet McGruff the Crime Dog; "take a bite out of crime".

Music in the Park

HOA Saturday summer park events usually offer a free movie at Town Center Park. Instead of a family movie in August, Music in the Park is scheduled August 13. The Josey Wails Band brings an evening of music for all ages from 7-9pm. Bring lawn chair, picnic blanket and maybe dancing shoes for this outdoor evening.

2016 Hometown Hero

Willie Caldwell, 12-year resident, is a ballot judge at Lake Park's polling place on election days and is actively involved at Faith United Methodist Church as a greeter, usher, and one who initiated the annual BBQ fundraiser. His outreach beyond the village extends to supporting activity at the Niven Center in Charlotte for disabled and mentally challenged adults. For 15 years Mr Caldwell has been a member of Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Group which escorts Gold Star Mothers and Blue Star Mothers every Memorial Day from the Pentagon to the Lincoln Memorial. This is his 8th year in the Patriot Guard which accompanies fallen soldiers at their funerals. Mr Caldwell received the Lake Park Hometown Hero recognition at our July 4th picnic for his faithful, patriotic civic service.

Athletic Courts Resurfacing

The bid from Quality Seal Coating & Sport Surfaces won Council approval for \$39,675 to resurface the tennis and basketball courts in Russell Park. The courts were last resurfaced in 2007. The work will begin in September.

Matthews Charter Academy

The former Central Academy at Lake Park building is currently leased to Matthews Charter Academy in preparation for the Aug 25 first day of school. The current lease provides a temporary location for approximately 400 kindergarten through fourth grade

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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Dana Rucker
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591 officer@lakeparknc.gov

students while a permanent facility for the charter school is being completed on a 21-acre site at Stevens Mill Road and Mount Harmony Church Road.

In anticipation of the increase in traffic during drop off and pick up times, National Heritage Academies, which manages the Matthews Charter Academy, is working with its safety team and with traffic engineers to minimize the impact on village residents and local traffic.

Matthews Charter Academy is a free, public charter school. National Heritage Academies is headquartered in Grand Rapids MI, and serves around 55,000 students in 81 schools and 9 states by partnering with local school boards to build and manage no-cost public charter schools. www.nhaschools/schools/matthews.

Paving Repairs Progress

Precision Safe Sidewalk will repair 163 damaged or unsafe sidewalk panels on 21 streets around the village. Hoover, Trevor Simpson, Courtland, Frederick, Esther, Ruth and Bobbie Lane need the most attention but all 21 streets will have severely damaged panels repaired, a continuation of village sidewalk repairs started in 2014.

H & S Paving completed pothole repairs, repaved and marked parking lines on sections of Creft Circle in July. Costs were met by NC Powell bill funding.

Committee Meets Aug 11

The 5-Year Development Plan Committee expects to complete village vision and mission statements and begin developing a questionnaire to survey Lake Park residents and businesses. Suggestions that were made in June and July on easels at the Community Center will be part of the survey. You can still add your ideas to the easels through mid-September. Committee meetings are open to the public.

July 4 Celebration

300 guests and residents celebrated in Russell Park this year. Common Heart sponsored 10k, 5k, 1k races and the Kid's Firecracker Dash. The annual Children's Parade and outdoor picnic preceded music, games and races with prizes for participants. P&R Commissioners and many volunteers organized, set up, and conducted the event and then handled the clean up after the party ended at 2pm. Many thanks to all who helped.

Thank You Blood Donors

Kudos to all who donated blood at the Meeting Street Bloodmobile July 23. Community Blood Center of the Carolinas provided the vehicle, equipment and medical personnel. Frequency of summer vehicle accidents and surgeries increase the demand for blood supplies when many donors are away on vacations or out on summer breaks. Thank you for making a life-saving difference.



Clean carts: While empty, rinse with water and a bit of bleach. Leave open to dry; sun kills bacteria.

Furniture & Bulk Items: ANY pickup day.
Pickup Days: Thu 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

EDC: Economic Development

♦ **Village Service Signs:** Phase II began this month to restore or replace more weather-worn wayfinding signs that were postponed for Phase I. Wayfinding signs provide arrows pointing to village features and unique neighborhoods.

♦ **Fall Registration: Children of Faith Preschool, Children's Lighthouse Learning Center, and Miss Dee Dee's After School & My First School** are filling up their classes for September. Please contact by phone or email (they all have sites on the internet) to assure there is space available and submit registration applications promptly. Ages and programs vary from school to school.

♦ **Local Businesses:** Did you know that you can arrange insurance, accounting and skin care services without leaving the village? **Gray Insurance, Carlini CPA, and Regensis Skin Studio** are all located in the Town Center on Creft Circle and welcome new clients.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

♦ **Lake Park's Pools** last day of the season is Labor Day so August is a great time to take leisurely advantage of the newly renovated pool area. No season pass? Not a problem. Per person day passes are only \$8, and good for the whole day. Day passes are available at the pool gate. The lifeguards look forward to meeting you.

♦ **Fishing** continues to be a popular pastime in Lake Park. Equipment for a relaxing time can be inexpensive but fishing permits are required. \$2 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. All fishing is catch and release only, and many of Lake Park's 13 ponds are available. Details are provided when you pick up your permit at the Village office, Mon 9 am - 6 pm, Tue - Fri 9 am-noon.

♦ **Park Maintenance** is an ongoing activity. Southend Painting and Kiker Tree Service both completed various maintenance tasks in July to keep the parks in good condition.